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SENATE BILL 517

**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2008**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS; CLARIFYING OWNERSHIP OF STATE-PURCHASED VOTING SYSTEMS; PROVIDING FOR MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE OF STATE-OWNED VOTING SYSTEMS; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of the Election Code is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] VOTING SYSTEMS--STATE OWNERSHIP-- MAINTENANCE.--

A. Ownership of voting systems purchased by the secretary of state for use by a county shall not be transferred to the county without permission of the board of county commissioners of that county.

B. State-owned voting systems shall be maintained by the state and may be stored in the counties using the voting

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1 systems pursuant to guidelines issued by the secretary of  
2 state."

3 Section 2. APPROPRIATION.-Four hundred thousand dollars  
4 (\$400,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the office  
5 of the secretary of state for expenditure in fiscal year 2009  
6 to pay for the maintenance of voting systems owned by the  
7 state. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the  
8 end of fiscal year 2009 shall revert to the general fund.

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